

BUDDYLINE

From Bluff to Beaufort

Damsels, crabs and rays in the north and soft coral to the south

The 2011 diving season completed with three great dives from Chan's boat. On November 20th, nine divers took to the waters off of the southwest corner of Basalt Island. Although the visibility was the usual challenge, the site did offer up schools of damselfishes and scattered sandperches. For the second dive, the boat moved over to the marine park at Bluff Island, which provided better visibility and shelter from the rising wind. The marine park offers an easy 10 meter dive that takes you along a long sloping sandy bottom encrusted with a rocky shoreline. An abundance of crabs and clear evidence of octopuses (though not actually seen that day) make Bluff Island a relaxing site to explore without negotiating the challenges of strong currents and rough seas.



well attended, the only divers to brave the cold water were Ron and Lucy Taylor of the Underwater Club who managed to spot a ray during their 20 minutes underwater. After the ceremonial head-wetting was complete, the 25 person crew landed on a nearby beach and claimed it for the afternoon by building an impressive BBQ pit (thanks as always to Dave Taylor, honorary club member and pyrotechnic genius). The usual meat grilling and mulled wine ensued to melt away any post Christmas hangovers.

Again, a triumphant year of diving Hong Kong with SCDC had completed, and another great year of expeditions right around the corner!

- Rob Christie -

On December 4 the club returned to the south side of Hong Kong with seven divers for a dive off Beaufort Island, followed by a lunch at Po Toi Island. Diving off the south side of Hong Kong offers deeper and more challenging diving with strong currents to monitor. As always, a good torch can make the difference between a dark dive and a colorful display of corals and fish. If you plan your south side dive well, you can reach 25+ meters off Beaufort where gardens of soft coral and purple sea fans spring up between boulders and crevices.

The final dive of the year was the traditional Boxing Day dive which was held off the south side of Kau Sai Chau out of Sai Kung. Although the expedition was



EXPEDITIONS UPDATE

By Paul Bayne

Welcome to a new diving year and best wishes for the forthcoming year of the dragon. The water may be still a little cool at the moment, but we hope that the diving hots up in 2012.

The new 2012 schedule is on the website and excitingly we have also created a Google Calendar to help keep you up to date and informed. Use this link to add the SCDC calendar to your own Google Calendar:

<https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/m9f71bhf1006gr5hlgbaf124mg%40group.calendar.google.com/private-e9128cbd320352cc8a17007d33fo880e/basic.ics>

The calendar shows all social events as well!

As well as the planned dives we are trying to run a few "ad hoc"

dives and these will be advertised on the SCDC Google calendar and also on the SCDC Facebook Page:

If you have not done so already I strongly recommend that you sign up to the Facebook group to stay fully informed:

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/scdc1097/>

I will try my best to achieve three things as exped officer:

1. Keep DMs informed of the schedule and propose some more "exciting" dive sites when the weather allows. I have many "hits" that are stored on Google Earth and aim to keep updating our data base.
2. Run some extra "ad hoc" dives when there are gaps in

the schedule and when conditions are suitable. These are likely to be speedboat dives from Pak Sha Wan. These events are likely to be advertised via Facebook, so please sign up to the SCDC Facebook Group.

3. Promote some club expeditions overseas or in HK if there is demand.

I am very keen to have any help and advice from any interested party and thanks to Marcus S who has already helped with his technical 'know how' and some interesting hits from the HK Underwater Heritage Association. Thanks also to Alex for sharing his GPS information!

Happy and Safe diving!

EQUIPMENT UPDATE

By John Howarth

Gung Hei Fat Choi to all, the year of the dragon is upon us, with its sleek but sharp body and fiery breath.

The dark and dingy equipment store (like a dragon waiting in its cave) will be transformed into a bright, fiery, and sleek new store for all to enjoy. The equipment store will have a lick of new paint (suggested by Paul many, many times so I hear (Joerg)), and with the help of a few good men from outside of the SCDC, designs will be done to ensure ease of use, storage, and accessibility for all.

We all know the amount of equipment that we all have to lug to and from the van each trip we take, with this in mind the onus for the equipment will be on improving designs, maneuverability, and transportation of the equipment.

Obviously, the equipment will be well taken care of, and serviced at appropriate times. Please, if you encounter any problems or defects that crop up, do not hesitate to inform me any time on 6463 8481.

Have a fantastic Lunar New Year.

Equipment Fees

All equipment (except tanks) can be hired from the Club on either a Hong Kong single dive rate or a weekly holiday rate that covers multiple dives. If hired for a single Hong Kong dive, equipment must be returned on the 6th day after it is taken from the Compressor Room without incurring addition costs. Please remember to sign out all equipment in the log book and mark when it is returned. Thanks!

BCD, Regulator

\$60 for a single Hong Kong dive
\$150 per week holiday diving

Tanks

\$20 per dive, self transport
Please remember to fill tank on return.

Payment

Transfer fee to HSBC A/C 583-078555-001 and notify our Treasurer at michael.belshaw@disney.com

CHAIRMAN'S CHATTER

By Rob Christie

I still remember the day that Neil Hambleton invited me to join the club. Well, maybe invite is too formal of a word. It was more of an order, which was followed by another order to chug a mug of beer that was thrust into my hands as we watched the Rugby Sevens. That was March of 2002, and the following week I was in a dive shop picking out a new wet suit, and two weeks later I was on my first Hong Kong dive with none other than Paul and Keiko as my buddies.

After having learned to dive as a teenager, it was great to be back in the water. I had a lot to learn (and re-learn), especially with diving equipment which had changed significantly over the previous decade. But as an adult rediscovering the sport, I was quickly finding how diving satisfied me on many different levels that ranged from the athletic to the scientific.

I immediately wanted to learn more and become a better diver, and recognized that everyone around me in the club had a wealth of knowledge to share. But over that first summer with the club I became increasingly frustrated with the club because training was difficult to organize. I was still relatively new, and I didn't feel comfortable asking for help from people who I had recently met.

In October of that year the club held its Annual General Meeting, and I went. Until that day I hadn't fully understood how the club was organized, the purpose of the committee, and the way training and expeditions were planned and managed. I listened to the Officers' reports, and I learned from the committee as they closed out their term. And then I had an idea.

It was a bit bold of me, but I raised my hand to ask a question. As a new member who wanted to dive more, I

asked why was it so difficult to get training organized? Why couldn't the club organize a buddy system that would help mentor new members?

I looked around the room, and all was silent with many faces staring at me. It occurred to me that possibly I had either just insulted everyone or made a total fool of myself.

Then suddenly, without warning, the room exploded with applause and cheers. Five minutes later, I was nominated as the new Assistant Training Officer.

So, my first lesson learned; if you want help in the club, just ask and make it happen.

Since that day in 2002 I have held various positions on the committee. Running the club is always work, but I enjoy it and continue to pick-up new skills along the way. Over the years I have seen the club face many challenges and dilemmas, and I am pleased that we have always found solutions to achieve our primary goal; to make diving in Hong Kong safe, affordable and accessible to our members.

I hope that you feel the same way as I do about the club, but I recognize that the club means different things to each person. However, for all of us the club should be one thing without that we all agree on, and that is fun.

If at any time the club is not fun, or you are frustrated with it, please tell me. I am a good listener, and I can keep your comments in confidence and take them seriously. As your Chairman, it is my role to make the club work for you. It truly means a lot to me to understand what does and doesn't work for you. Please help me do my job, and I will help you achieve your personal diving goals.

And most importantly, tell me what you can do for the club. You don't have to be on the committee to help out, and there is never a shortage of jobs to do. Volunteering is a great way to get involved and learn more about the club and (most importantly) become a better diver.

Your Chairman,
Rob

What's the deal with Delaney's?

You may have noticed that some club events were held recently at Delaney's pub in Wan Chai. In order to find a cost effective venue for special meetings and training events, the Club is exploring new function rooms that can be reserved free of charge. Please rest assured that there is no intention to take people away from our Thursday night socials at Aberdeen Boat Club! Now that we have confirmed Delaney's as a viable venue, special events will occasionally be held there on evenings that do not conflict with our Thursday night socials.

Going forward, you will continue to hear about how the Club is experimenting with new ways to improve our financial position while continuing to support the activities and events that we enjoy and expect from the Club. Please feel free to share your thoughts and opinions with anyone on the committee. Your input means a lot to us and the future of the club. Thanks!

Your Committee

TRAINING UPDATE

By Ben Suzuki

New training season started and currently Advanced Diver course is up and running.

Six keen candidates and instructors gathered on the night of 12 Jan. Being a student myself, I found the scope of the theory lesson is very wide and a lot of self study is required. There are topics which I studied many years ago in high school and now totally forgot, so I guess I need to borrow my daughter's science text book.

Other than AD course, we are now offering Boat Handling Course, Accelerated Decompression Procedures Cross Over, Compressor Operation and First Aid for Divers in the first quarter. We have five candidates so far for Boat Handling Course starting from 2 Feb. There will be another Boat Handling Course starting mid March, so if you are interested please let me know.

UPCOMING COURSES

Boat Handling Course

Date: Two nights out of 15, 22, 29 March 2012 (Thursday)
31 March (Saturday) Practical lesson

Prerequisite: No diving qualification required
<http://www.bsac.com/page.asp?section=3611§ionTitle=Boat+Handling>

Accelerated Decompression Procedures

Starting Date: 23 Feb 2012 (Thursday)
This session is the Advanced Decompression Procedures Upgrade Workshop. It is a theory session only which upgrades existing Advanced Nitrox Divers to Advanced Decompression Procedures.

Summarised as:

- An upgrade from Advanced Nitrox Diver to ADP.
- ADP includes the use of the BSAC OxTox tables that calculate accelerated decompression.
- Entry requirement is Advanced Nitrox or Combined Nitrox or equivalent (must have done a course that requires switching to a richer nitrox for the decompression phase of a dive)

Cost: HKD \$1000.

This includes the student pack which is 47 pounds plus P+P. The pack includes the OxTox tables, student work book and pre-paid QCard application form.

Please respond by: 1 Feb 2012
e-mail: paulbayne@hotmail.com

Why Fly Economy when you can Fly First Class?

As we all know, learning to dive with BSAC is a rigorous experience that makes us into better and safer divers. Although most of us are satisfied with completing the Sports Diver qualification, some go onto complete Dive Leader, and then a few more continue onto Advance Diver. Rarely does anyone go further with their training.

Becoming a First Class Diver with BSAC is an achievement that only the best and most dedicated divers can achieve. SCDC is fortunate to have a newly minted FCD in its ranks, and wants to extend a big congratulations to Paul Bayne for a job well done in passing all of his examinations!

Committing yourself to long term training with BSAC means dedicating a significant amount of personal time and attention to the sport of diving. Paul is one of the best we've ever seen, who's dedication to the sport is infectious. Thanks Paul for all you have done for the Club, and we look forward to whatever else you can share with us as a First Class Diver!



DO'S DRIVEL

By Steve Howarth

Firstly please let me wish you and your family a happy, healthy and safe New Year and I hope that 2012 brings you everything you wish for, including lots of dives from exotic places such as Tai Mai Tuk, Tso Wo Hang and Aberdeen!

The first few months of being appointed as DO started off very busy catching up with the role and responsibilities of the position. We have had a few boat dives and an excellent Boxing Day dive and BBQ over the past few months and all have been great days out and very well supported. I hope that you will continue to support the club over the next few months, brave the cooler waters and join us on the boat.

Rob, Paul, Ben and I held a very fruitful discussion session with the Instructors and DM's on the direction for the next 12 months. We also discussed the training courses planned, new DM's kits and new dive sites. We also had a few beers!!!!

Paul has been beavering away to sort out the dive schedule and get agreement on boat prices with Hong and Chan that wouldn't bankrupt the Club. The dive schedule for 2012 is on our website. The cost for the boats has gone up considerably, but he has managed to arrange a lot of joint dives with our friends in the Underwater Club and Mandarin Divers, which has reduced the cost of boats in the "winter" months. Thanks to all his hard work, the price of the boat will stay at \$150, a major achieve-

ment. Please take a look to see when you can join us on the boat and if Paul has "volunteered you" to be a DM. Paul has also pencilled in 2 expeditions in July (PG) and October (Subic Bay). I am sure they will be great trips and well worth joining.

Ben has been busy collecting the Diver Profiles and putting together a course schedule which reflects the requirements of members. The first quarter of 2012 will see an AD course, 2 Boat Handling Instructor and Boat Handling courses, Compressor, First Aid For Divers Courses and a Advanced Decompression Procedures Crossover Course. A very busy start for the year and follows the Committees direction of providing members with the courses they want.

John has been busy inspecting the equipment, sending the regs to be serviced and tanks to be inspected. For those who hire club equipment, you will see signs in the compressor room showing the new rental prices. Please make sure you book out and in all equipment and pay your hire fee to Jacqui.

Rob and I are trying to find a way to put some useful diving information, documents and links and the 2012 training plan on the website. This has proved beyond the expertise of our Chairman at present, but I am sure he will succeed soon, especially as Nils is back.

Finally, I would welcome any suggestions you have to improve our diving experience, especially any courses or different types of dives you would like.

Safe diving.
Steve

Tender is the Flight

Did you know that starting in 2012 that all SCDC dive expeditions will be accompanied by a tender? This means that each flight will have a small boat to provide you with surface coverage in case you encounter trouble in the water. But hiring a tender does come with a price. The Club will be spending an additional \$600 on top of a boat rental fee of \$3,800 per expedition.

But safe diving is our top priority, so having a tender always available just make sense. We hope you agree.



CNY Brass Monkey Dive at Artillery Ramp brought out the rebreathers and dry suits.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT COURSE FEES

This year, we made a change how we charge training cost to students. In principal, the price students pay becomes the sum of the cost of the material, fixed course fee and any other variable cost which might occur such as booking fees of the pool or lecture room. Fixed course fee for diver training course is HKD 500 and SDC is HKD 200.

For example, in case of AD course, actual material cost including shipping was HKD 220 and fixed fee is HKD 500. Total becomes HKD 720. If we need to book lecture room with fees, such a cost will be shared by students. Another example of Boat Handling Course is as follows. The cost of pack HKD 530, fixed fee is HKD 200 + boat fee HKD 2200/number of student will be the total cost.

Relating to the above change of course fee, there is another change. To simplify administrative procedure and crystallize cost structure, **boat fee waving for instructors and subsidy by the club will be abolished. Instead, the instructors who teach practical session on the boat should receive HKD 70 per unit of instruction from students.** HKD 70 is equivalent of one tank. If one teaches two units of lesson, he/she should receive HKD 140 from students. If there are two students in a lesson, those two share the cost and collectively pay to the instructor.

Training Costs Summarized

When training with SCDC, your course costs will be the following:

Course pack (priced by BSAC)

+ \$500 club fee (\$200 for skill development course)

+ \$70 per tank used by instructor per open water lesson

+ Any miscellaneous costs agreed to be shared by students (e.g. room hire, pool hire, etc).

Sample: Advance Diver Course

Course pack (\$220) + club fee (\$500) + tanks for 2 open water lessons (\$140) = **\$860**

Laughing Gas



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SOCIAL CALENDAR

We have a full calendar of events to choose from, so be sure to mark your diaries for any events you wish to attend. Reminders will be sent out in the weekly email, but you may want to plan ahead for events such as the expeditions to Subic Bay and Puerto Galera, as well as the Rugby Sevens (don't forget your tickets!).

2012 SCDC Social calendar			
Jan	6	Fri	Sijie Sichuan private kitchen
Feb	1	Wed	Race night - Happy Valley
Mar	8	Thu	Quiz night - Delaney's Wanchai
Mar	23-25	Fri-Sun	Rugby Sevens
Apr	12	Thu	AFCD talks - ABC
Apr	14	Sat	Treasure Hunt
Apr	28	Sat	Vietnamese dinner
May	18	Fri	Thai Dinner
Jun	8	Fri	Bowling
Jun	29 -	Fri -	Expedition to Subic or PG - Paul
Jul	2	Tue	Expedition to Subic or PG - Paul
Jul	13	Fri	Cheese and Wine
Aug	18-19	Sat-Sun	Macau
Sep	7	Fri	Russian dinner
Sep	28 -	Fri -	Expedition Subic Bay - Paul
Oct	1	Mon	Expedition Subic Bay - Paul
Oct	26	Fri	Beer festival
Nov	23	Fri	Tram party
Dec	8	Sat	Christmas party

The Club is also looking for volunteers to help out with the Christmas party. Please contact Eppie at eppie@superbien.com.hk if you wish to join the planning committee or have thoughts on a new venue for the event. Thanks!

TRIP REPORT:

MALAPASCUA

By Jacqui Roberts

Well, I'm off to Malapascua yet again! I know a number of you have been and I hope that you all enjoy it as much as I do. In the grand scheme of things, it's relatively cheap and reasonably easy to get to, the diving is good and the people are friendly.

Paula and I decided a quick trip over Christmas was in order, just to round off the year nicely – this was my fourth dive trip this year! Some might say that is rather greedy, I say it is good planning!

We met at the airport express check-in early on 22 December for the 9am flight to Cebu. Not early enough as it turned out as the check-in agent informed us the flight was over-booked and would we mind going via Manila? Well, yes, actually, we would



mind very much! Apologetic as the chap was, there was nothing he could do to guarantee us a seat on the flight, and we had no choice but to go to the airport, with our baggage, and hope that something could be sorted between times. It was a bit after 8am when we got to the Cus-

tomor Service agent at the airport and, although she was promising nothing, she took our bags from us and told us to come back in ten minutes. Feeling optimistic we trotted off to change some currency and were very pleased to be issued our boarding cards at 8.30am. We then had to dash to the gate, via security and passport control, and arrived at 8.50am – to find a long queue for boarding! Morale of that story is – always check-in on-line the day before!

The journey from Cebu to Maya, and across to Malapascua was uneventful, and it was good to see the staff at TSD once again and makes me feel like a VIP when they remember me by name!

Having sorted out our dive gear, we headed over to our accommodation – the Blue Coral Resort. I can say here and now that it was not up to the standard of previous accommodation, and, whilst it was reasonably priced, I did expect hot water every day, and I certainly didn't expect the couple of cockroaches that made an appearance! Also, it was the only place in Malapascua that seemed to employ miserable staff – which I later learnt were not locals from the island. That probably explains a lot!

Still, the place was conveniently located a couple of minutes stroll from TSD, which was useful at 4.30am when we were up for the first dive of the day!!

TSD were having a Christmas party/anniversary party that evening, the former being for staff,

their families and TSD guests and the latter to celebrate their 7th anniversary in business. They had provided 2 enormous spit roasted pigs, which were probably the best roasted pork I have



ever tasted! We did have to wait until the local staff and their families had got their fill – it really wasn't wise to try and do battle with about 80 Filipinos when there is food at stake! As is standard for my dive holidays, it was not a late night and we were back at the hotel by about 9.30pm. Unfortunately, the first night's sleep was not as sound as I would like it to have been due to the constant bass beat from a disco somewhere nearby! And I thought it was a really quiet backwater of an island!

TSD have located a new site on Monad Shoal where they see more thresher sharks than on the previous one. This didn't turn out to be the case for our first dive there, but the following morning's dive more than made up for it when our guide (JN) found about 8 or 9 of them! I didn't dive any new sites but that didn't

matter as all the sites I did do were my favourites anyway. Bantigue always hides lots of treasures, including the weird and wonderful frogfish – 4 of them on the same bit of vegetation! The Randy Mandys performed spot on time at the Lighthouse site, and Calangaman was worth the 90 boat ride to get there. There were also a couple of new guides, namely the aforementioned JN, and a new girl who is even smaller than Riza – called Mafe. Honestly, I thought Riza was the smallest dive guide in the world, but Mafe could be your very own pocket-sized dive guide!!

If you have access to my Facebook photos you will see there were the ever present, ever reliable (to photograph) nudis, a nice clear shot of a robust ghost pipefish, and so many opportunities to snap some real macro stuff – like the shrimps and the orangutan crab. I must admit I am getting much better at looking for the little things now, and occasionally spotting them without the aid of a dive guide! We had decided that a selection of festive hats were in order and for Christmas Eve and Christmas day we wore something different on each dive – ranging from red felt Santa hats, red and gold sequined ones, reindeer antlers and Santa earmuffs! Gave everyone else a giggle and Paula decided the hats were as effective as a hood for keeping your head warm! We gave a hat and some antlers to Tata, who was our guide on Christmas Day – made him very happy.

The weather was fairly kind for the first couple of days, hotter than I expected it to be, and a walk around the island garnered

me a bit of colour to my arms, shoulders and face. Sadly it didn't last for the whole trip and clouded over by Christmas Day – more about that later! The seas were a bit choppy too, and some of the exits were trying, to say the least. How the boat boys manage to hoik everything up onto the boat and don't drop anything back into the water I'll never know!



TSD were doing a full on Christmas dinner in the evening and it was an excellent spread, probably over-fed us to be fair. A little drop of mulled wine, a glass of wine and finished off with a tasting of port!

Paula and I both decided we deserved a lie in on Boxing Day morning and chose not to do the shark dive at 5am again! As I was leaving on Tuesday morning I could only squeeze in one more dive that morning, which was back to Chocolate Island. We had dived it on Christmas Day afternoon, and it was relatively calm – but that wasn't the case on Boxing Day! A really strong surge for the first 20 minutes or so, after which it was fine. Until we were hanging on the anchor line for the safety stop that is – and the anchor came away!

The island was fairly busy for the time of year,

and TSD had more than it's fair share of customers. Sadly there were a couple of extremely annoying ones – including one particular MUPPET (remember that acronym?) who had no spatial awareness and barreled into me a number of times. Luckily this was on my second dive and I politely asked not to be in the same dive group as him again – no saying what I would do with my pokey stick otherwise! As a result Paula & I were invariably paired with another couple, one of whom was a photo hogger. I identified this fairly early on and asked our dive guide to make sure that, if he spotted something really nice, and really small, he needed to wait until photo Freddie had finished and then point the said creature out to us. I have a strict rule for taking photos if there are other divers around me – 2, maximum 3 shots and then let someone else have a go. I swear I would have a much better photo of the flamboyant cuttlefish if he hadn't of been hogging it the whole time! I had to really elbow my way in there, take my shots and then leave him to it.

It was quite a short trip for me – just 5 nights, which was fine as the weather turned really bad on the Monday night and didn't stop raining. This continued into Tuesday morning, resulting in the sea conditions being too dodgy



to risk the shark dive. Sadly Paula was already up at 4.30am and dressed before she discovered it had been cancelled! I was also up and sorting out my gear ready for a 7am departure. I was leaving at the



same time as Caterina, who also lives in HK and had arrived at the same time as us – new friend on my Christmas card list! The boat boys were very good and sourced some bin liners for our hand luggage, as well as a an extra ones for us to wear! I think I felt drier underwater! We were slightly delayed leaving the island as they first had to bail out the little boat that we needed to get to the big boat. And then it took about 20 minutes rather than 2 or 3 to get to the big boat because the engine wouldn't start! Little Jerry had to 'punt' us all the way there! We perched under the cover on the big boat in our bin liners while the captain guided the boat over the waves to Maya. The tide was very far out and he literally grounded the boat so that the little boat from Maya could get to us safely. We had to hide in the little luggage hold during this process as there was a lot of shunting too and fro – I suspect the captain didn't want to lose a couple of guests overboard at this stage! I think they would then have to wait until the tide came in before they could get back out to sea – but I am no sailor so what do I know!

Caterina took one look at the little boat that had come over and swore that there was no way we would both fit on there, with all the luggage! Oh boy, was she wrong! Not only did we get on the precarious looking vessel (picture a few planks of wood nailed together), but also the 3 boats boys and the 3 guys who had come over on it! Luckily we didn't have too far to go, and most of that involved a couple of the guys getting out and pushing the

boat! The last 20 yards or so saw us wading to shore, trying, but failing, to avoid all the mud!

We were facing a 2 1/2 hour + journey to Cebu by car and the thought of doing that soaking wet was just too much. Normally I pack my clothes in my dive bag but this time I had put them in my hand luggage, thank goodness. Both of us rummaged around for something clean and dry to change in to. I think the driver thought it was Christmas all over again to have two women strip off to their undies in the back of his car!



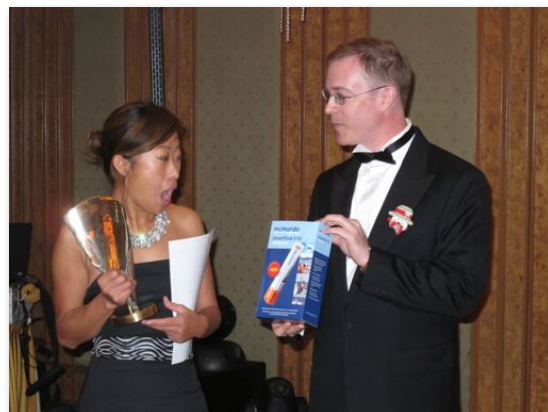
The rest of the journey home was uneventful and I even managed to pick up the right dive bag from the airport this time! A worthwhile short break and a place I will, no doubt, re-visit next year some time. I might not do it in the rainy season though!

Off to the Maldives for Chinese New Year to join some friends for a week's liveaboard – and celebrate my 300th dive!



Christmas Party 2011

It was an affair of high class, culture and mild debauchery for the Christmas Party on December 17th at the the Hong Kong Cricket Club. We enjoyed seeing former members from afar like Trevor Richmond, Jason Pacey and the Andrew Waller family, long term and founding member Andrew Chan, our always our friends from the Underwater Club, along with a cast of lovely



Catheryn took the coveted Ad-Hoc Trophy for her contributions to the club, and was presented with a personal locator beacon as gift of appreciation.



Louisa and Ho Ho Ho!



Andrew Waller & Andrew Chan held court while LS sampled the cuisine.



Keiko stole our hearts as the best dressed!



Black Swan did not win any Oscars this year, but took an honorary mention for Best Legs in a Comedy.